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IN MEMORY OF REV. WILSON JAMES McKAY, D. D.

This edition of the Seminary BULLETIN is devoted largely to the memory of Dr. McKay, who departed this life December 10, 1920, at his home in Sumter, S. C. He was a member of the Board of Directors of this Seminary from the Synod of South Carolina for fifteen years, and for ten years was President of the Board.

We are doing this because Dr. McKay had sustained a close, loyal and official relationship to the Seminary for the past fifty years. He entered this Institution as a student in 1870, graduating in the class of 1873. He spent his entire ministry in the Synod of South Carolina, and was always loyal to the Seminary in the Church Courts, and was naturally selected upon its Board of Directors in 1905. During all of these years he has shown more than usual interest in the Institution. It is rare that you will find an alumnus who has shown such a long sustained interest in an Institution, and on this account he will be greatly missed whenever matters pertaining to Columbia Seminary are up for discussion in our Church Courts.

In this connection, we may be permitted to say Dr. McKay is a model in most respects as a Trustee and a Director. These offices bestowed upon our brethren by the Synods are too often looked upon as an empty compliment. Many institutions suffer by reason of the unconscious neglect of duty on the part of those who have been entrusted with their management. Dr. McKay was a striking example to the contrary.

On succeeding pages we print words of appreciation spoken by Dr. Whaling, President of the Seminary, and the representative of the Faculty at Dr. McKay's funeral. Also a statement by Dr. Walter L. Lingle, of Union Seminary, and President of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, with whom Dr. McKay was so long associ-

ated, and also a statement by Dr. J. P. Marion, of Sumter, S. C., who is the close friend and pastor of Dr. McKay's family. We feel that such words of appreciation will make a fitting record in the annals of Columbia Theological Seminary.

REMARKS BY REV. THORNTON WHALING, D. D.,
AT THE FUNERAL OF DR. MCKAY.

Truly a great man and a prince in Israel has fallen this day, and the loss of the Church is great in the departure of this honored brother, whose funeral obsequies we are celebrating here today.

I have known Dr. McKay for considerably more than one-third of a century, when I was the pastor of his father and mother and brother and sisters. I often admired the unity and mutual affection and regard that bound together the members of this household, and he carried over into his own home, when it was established, this powerful domestic affection, which belonged to his family line. As husband and father, his wealth of tenderness and affection and wise helpfulness was a model to all who saw these.

As a preacher, Dr. McKay was sound, scholarly, satisfactory, and a volume of his discourses would make a valuable contribution to the exposition of our system of doctrine. His usefulness as a pastor is evidenced in the strong and loyal Church, which was largely molded by his ministration.

As a Presbyterian in his own Presbytery and Synod, this honored brother commanded great respect. The balance of his judgment, the breadth of his vision, the poise and symmetry of his fine powers, his accurate acquaintance with ecclesiastical law and history, all fitted him for large influence in our Church Courts, and for more than one-third of a century, no minister in the Presbytery or Synod left his mark so indelibly upon the policies and works of these bodies.

Perhaps his chief work was the great contribution which he made as an administrator and executive on the

Boards of two of our chief educational institutions. For a long period he was on the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee of Davidson College, and it is believed that the splendid and growing success of that noble school owes much to the wisdom, caution, foresight and fine grasp of the needed policies for the day, which this honored brother gave without stint to this school of which he was an alumnus. He rendered the same kind of service to the Columbia Theological Seminary, of which he was also an alumnus and of whose Board he was a member for many years. No member of this Board commanded greater confidence and influence during the entire period of his services upon it, and this famous school of the prophets will always place his name high on the roll of its most efficient servants and loyal sons.

Back of all this service was the Christian character of this beloved brother. His strong faith in his God and Saviour, his genuine love for the Christian Brotherhood, and the unfailing hope which nothing could obscure made him a marked Christian saint and minister. His coronation day has come; he has fought the good fight, finished his course and kept the faith, and now, the crown is placed upon his head by the only hand that is fit to bestow it, the hand of the Divine Lord and Saviour, whom he loved and served and to whom he gave everything that he had to bestow.

WORDS OF PERSONAL APPRECIATION OF DR. MCKAY.

REV. J. P. MARION, D. D.

On account of a close association with Dr. McKay and his family for the past fourteen years, I have been asked to give a brief estimate of him. I count it a privilege and a pleasure to do this, for we were friends.

I first knew Dr. McKay in his home, where I visited frequently as a friend and the pastor of his family. As soon as one entered his home they breathed the atmosphere of Christian culture and knew that it was a home where the Master was always the honored guest. He

was a devoted and tender husband and father; a lover of home, finding his chief delight in the simple joys and quiet, loving associations of the family circle. He did not make friends hastily and he was never effusive in his expressions of friendship; but the friendship he gave was strong and deep and unchanged by the untoward circumstances of life. He was always loyal to his friends and sympathetic in their seasons of trial and sorrow. He delighted in the public and social worship of God's house, and when he sat in the pew with his family he was always a sympathetic and helpful listener. He was a wise and judicious counsellor for the many who sought his advice.

Endowed with unusual mental ability, a hard and thorough student, a clear thinker, possessing a rich vocabulary and a thorough knowledge of the Bible, Dr. McKay was an able preacher, gifted especially in the exposition of the great fundamental truths of God's word. His sermons, which were always carefully prepared, were always instructive and edifying. "Saved By Grace" was the hymn he loved best, and he was often heard humming this hymn as he went about his work. Salvation by grace through faith was the great theme of his preaching. Modest and humble, he never pushed himself forward; but when any task was laid upon him he gave it his best thought, with the result that his ability was readily recognized. In the Presbytery he was a patient, faithful, diligent worker, and in all matters coming before the Presbytery he was a wise and prudent guide. Others who were associated with him on the Boards of Davidson College and Columbia Theological Seminary, which institutions occupied so large a place in his thoughts and affections, can testify to the splendid work he did for these church institutions. Serving the congregation at Concord for more than a quarter of a century, as a faithful, sympathetic, discreet pastor he won and held the undivided love and confidence of the people. A rare tribute to the man and the preacher was the love and reverence given him by the children of his congregation. "Know ye not that a great man and a prince of Israel is fallen this day?"

WORDS OF APPRECIATION OF DR. W. J. MCKAY.

DR. WALTER L. LINGLE.

My first acquaintance with Dr. McKay dates back to my college days. When I entered Davidson College as a freshman he was a member of the Board of Trustees, and when I graduated from Davidson he was President of the Board. During those years I saw him as he came to the Board meetings from time to time and was introduced to him and sat at the same table with him on several occasions; but he was a member of the Board and I was only a student, and I cannot say that I was intimately acquainted with him. But in those days I got the impression that he had a certain warmth and geniality about him in his attitude towards the students which I did not observe in the average member of the Board.

In after years I was thrown with him rather intimately for a period of nearly five years in the Synod of South Carolina, and after that, for about fifteen years, I worked side by side with him on the Davidson Board, and for the larger part of that period in the most intimate way. I learned to admire and love him, and I count it a privilege to have an opportunity to pay a tribute to his memory, though I know it is not possible to transfer to paper the inner feelings of one's heart.

Dr. McKay was a man of deep and abiding convictions. He had clear-cut ideas as to what was right and what was wrong and as to what was wise and what was unwise. His mind was of the positive type and there was no neutrality in his make-up. Not only so, but he always had the courage of his convictions, and nobody ever had any doubt as to his position on any question that was up for discussion. In standing for his convictions he was willing to stand alone if need be. As Regent Morton stood by the new-made grave of John Knox he said: "Here lies one who neither feared nor flattered any flesh." These same words could be truly said of Dr. McKay.

Dr. McKay was a man of clear mind and sound judgment. His Presbytery and Synod, recognizing this, elected

him to the membership of numerous Boards of Trustees, among them to the Davidson Board. On these Boards he rendered a noble service, not only to his Presbytery and Synod, but to the church at large. In working with him on the Davidson Board I was always struck with his fine common sense and clear judgment. When he spoke on any subject his counsel was always listened to with great respect. When the histories of the institutions on whose Boards he served are written up it will be found that every one of them is deeply indebted to him, not only for faithfulness and loyalty, but for an efficiency which was largely increased by his unusual insight and common sense.

Dr. McKay was a warm and loyal friend. He had an unusually tender and affectionate nature, and his friends could always feel the warmth of that nature radiating from him. I feel a keen and deep personal loss in his going, for I loved him, and always felt sure of his love after I had learned to know him.

There was no cant about Dr. McKay, but he was a man of God, and was deeply interested in everything that concerned our church and the whole Kingdom of God. We who have worked by his side for so many years will sorely miss him, but we shall confidently expect to see him face to face again in the Father's house.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

It is with pride we record the successful closing of the Million Dollar Campaign for Presbyterian Education in the Synod of South Carolina. It would not have been unusual had the prosperous conditions which prevailed at the beginning of the year of 1920 continued, but when we consider the financial depression commencing the first of September, it makes us wonder at its achievement. The total amount subscribed is \$1,163,689.82. Of this amount \$100,000 is the gift from the citizens of Columbia to Chicora College to aid in its removal program to the suburbs. Of the total amount, Columbia Seminary and Thornwell Orphanage are to receive 12½ per cent. each, Chicora College 25 per cent. and Presbyterian College 50 per cent. The largest individual gift was \$100,000 from Mr. C. E. Graham, of Greenville, S. C., and next \$50,000 by Colonel LeRoy Springs, of Lancaster, S. C. There were quite a number of special large gifts designated to different institutions.

Mr. J. B. Spillman, of Columbia, is Treasurer of this fund and upon him devolves the duty of collecting the same. The Synod's committee in charge of this campaign has employed the Rev. H. W. Pratt to be the Field Secretary of Schools and Colleges to continue the propaganda of the great importance and need of Christian education.

We are glad to record a number of recent visitors to our campus, who addressed the faculty and students in the Chapel, as follows: Dr. P. Frank Price, of Nanking; Rev. and Mrs. L. C. McC. Smythe, of Nagoya, Japan; Rev. Paul Kanamori, of Japan; Captain M. L. Swinehart, of Kwang Ju, Korea; Mr. Thomas P. Tolbert, Superintendent of Home Missions of West Lexington Presbytery; Dr. Neal L. Anderson, of the Independent Church of Savannah, Ga.; Dr. Julian S. Sibley, of Waycross, Ga., and Rev. W. S. Hutchison, of Asheville, N. C.

The Seminary Quartette, consisting of J. B. Belk, G. W. Belk, Jr., B. F. Yandell and E. L. Barber, will sing at the Laymen's Conventions to be held at Meridian, Miss., and Greenville, S. C.

Dr. Whaling, President of the Seminary, in addition to his work in the Theological Department, has added a special class in the study of Calvin's Institutes. This interesting course is being attended by some of the pastors in the city, as well as some of the seniors who find it convenient to get in the extra hour. In this course Dr. Whaling takes as his subject "What Calvin Says Himself, and Not What Others Say He Says."

Dr. Whaling is attending a meeting of the Joint Committee on Federal Union in Philadelphia this week, and incidental to this visit he is making quite a number of addresses on "The Choice of a Vocation" before academies and colleges in Virginia. He will also make a visit in behalf of the Seminary to the city of New York.

It is gratifying to note a decided revival in foreign missions. Quite a number of the student body are volunteers for the foreign field. Under the auspices of the Missionary Society of Inquiry a splendid program is carried out each week.

REV. SAMUEL SPAHR LAWS, D. D., LL. D.
1824—1921.

Rev. Samuel Spahr Laws, D. D., LL. D., formerly professor in the Columbia Theological Seminary, died at his residence in Asheville, N. C., on January 9th, at the advanced age of ninety-seven years. He is well remembered by the students who attended his classes from 1893 to 1898. Dr. Laws was Perkins Professor of Natural Science in connection with Revelation and Christian Apologetics.

Dr. Laws had a varied and interesting career. He was, among other things, the inventor of the electric stock ticker, but sold his rights before entering the ministry. He was born in Ohio county, Virginia, in 1824, and was educated at Miami University, Princeton, Columbia and Bellevue Hospital Medical College. He received honorary degrees from Washington and Lee and Westminster College. He was pastor of a church in St. Louis, 1851-53; President of Westminster College, 1855-1861; President of the University of Missouri, 1876-1889; admitted to the bar in New York in 1860, and was the author of a number of books and pamphlets.

His last book, on "The Atonement," was written after he was ninety-six years old, a copy of which was sent by him for the Seminary Library only a few days before his death, which will remain as a lasting memorial of his devotion to the word of God and to the plan of salvation through Jesus Christ.

